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Application of: M. REDMON et al.

Application No.: 09/049,227

Group Art Unit: 1654

Filed: March 27, 1998

Examiner: C. Delacroix-Muirhe

For: STABLE DOSAGE FORMS OF
FLUOXETINE AND ITS
ENANTIOMERS

Attorney Docket No.: 4821-304

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M. Redmon
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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed November 2, 2000, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks for entry into the record of the above-referenced application and consideration by the Examiner. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition for Extension of Time with provision for the required fee.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel without prejudice claim 38.

Please replace claims 13, 14, 17-20, 22, 29, 30, and 35 with the following:

13. A chemically stable compressed tablet free of lactose which comprises an optically pure enantiomer of fluoxetine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and at least one pharmaceutically acceptable excipient, wherein said tablet does not dissolve in less than three minutes when subjected to the DISSOLUTION TEST.